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ATTN: Chief of Base, Munich  
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Chief, SR

INFO: COM/3

- : Operational/REDWOOD/LCINPROVE/ARECDYNAMEC/McCARTHAGE
- : Administrative Handling of Projects ARECDYNAMEC and MCCARTHAGE

Reference: ROM-29965 dated 10 December 1957

Action Required: See Paragraph 4

1. Reference dispatch points up the fact that Headquarters has neglected to inform the field concerning certain changes in the administration of Projects ARECDYNAMEC and MCCARTHAGE. We realize that problems of Headquarters project administration are not normally of vital concern to the field case officer, but the inter-relationships of the several aspects of these projects are such as to require somewhat special solutions, and we believe, therefore, that it would be well for HSB to be apprised of the action taken by Headquarters in this regard.

2. As you are aware, the long-established dealings with the ARCASSOWARY nationality complex have been intended to serve a number of KUBARK goals and objectives, i.e.; KUTUNE (mainly, although not exclusively, through REDSOX missions); ENGAGE, and CART. At one period there existed a full-scale Section in an Area Branch working on the administration of these various missions with the ARCASSOWARIES. Later it was decided that the Section should be broken up and that the several aspects of the projects should be parceled out to the branches and staffs having functional authority for them. This system, however, has not worked out satisfactorily in practice since it put the ARCASSOWARIES in the position of dealing with different case officers for their particular special problems and the coordination among the staff elements was not sufficient to permit such an arrangement to function properly.

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4. As reflected in previous correspondence, the AMBATHAM project is currently intended primarily to serve INRAC goals, and the subsidy to the AMBATHAM office covers the cost of a number of activities in this field. We are submitting a project renewal for FY 1999 for approximately the same amount as we are spending in the current year. Incidentally, this Figure is considerably under the budget Figure actually approved for FY 1998. Meanwhile the AMBATHAM project has expired on 1 December 1997. It is generally agreed that the CASI objectives originally planned under this project have not been realized and it is therefore considered prudent to continue the project in its present form. We believe that it will be more logical and more appropriate to cover all contemplated expenses for the continuing CASI sub-sets either under a special section or by an annex to the AMBATHAM project. This is in accordance with similar practices for other projects of a related nature and we see no possibility of any adverse effect on MB CASI operations involving the group. We would, however, appreciate your early comments and would particularly like to have an expression of your desires with respect to the inclusion of specific matters of interest to MB/CASI.

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